

*Stated Meeting, September 16, 1887.*

Present, 5 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of envoy from Société de Littérature Finnoise, Helsingfors; Voigtländischen Alterthumsforschenden Vereins, Hohenleuben; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Statistical Society, London; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Observatorio Meteorológico Central, Mexico; Observatorio Nacional Argentino, Cordoba.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Société de Littérature Finnoise, Helsingfors; Société Impériale des Naturalistes, Moscow; Comité Géologique, Académie Impériale des Sciences, St. Petersburg; Prof. G. vom Rath, Bonn; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Frankfurt a. M.; Voigtländischer Alterthumsforschender Verein, Hohenleuben; Zoologischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; Verein für Erdkunde, Metz; Académie R. de Belgique, Bruxelles; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Société de L'Enseignement Supérieur, Paris; Philosophical and Literary Society, Leeds; Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society, Falmouth; Royal Society, Royal Statistical, Geological, Astronomical, Meteorological Societies, Society of Antiquaries, Linnean Society, London; American Philological Association, Boston; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; "American Journal of Science," New Haven; Historical Society, College of Pharmacy, Library Company, Publishers of "The American Naturalist," P. H. Law, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Publishers of "American Chemical Journal," "American Journal of Philology," Baltimore; United States Naval Institute, Annapolis; Bureau of the Mint, Bureau of Labor, United States Geological Survey, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Publishers of "Boletín de Estadística del Puebla."

A letter was read from the Academy of Fine Arts, requesting the loan of portraits for its approaching exhibition.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Curators be empowered to loan to the Academy of Fine Arts, such paintings as it may desire for its *Exhibition of Historical Portraits*, taking proper guarantees for the safe keeping and safe return of the same.

A paper was presented, through the Secretaries, by Dr. A. C. Stokes, of Trenton, N. J., on some "New Fresh Water Infusoria."

Pending nominations Nos. 1156, 1159, 1164, 1169 and 1170 were read.

A communication from the Committee on Library, on the subject of modernizing the Library, was presented, and, on motion of Mr. Law, it was resolved, that the Committee on Finance be requested to incorporate into its estimates for the coming fiscal year an appropriation of five hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of modern works of reference and value.

On motion of Dr. Ruschenberger, the Society ordered that the building of the Society should be kept locked on September 16, 1887, to avoid danger to the property of the Society from the vast crowds likely to be assembled in Independence Square to witness the closing exercises of the Centennial Celebration of the Adoption of the Federal Constitution.

The President reported that he had appointed as the Committee on the Purchase of the Humboldt Portrait, Messrs. Philip C. Garrett, D. G. Brinton and Horace Jayne.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the Society requested the President to prepare for the Records of the Society a minute that should commemorate the celebration that had taken place in Philadelphia, on September 15, 16, 17, 1887, of the Centennial of the Adoption of the Federal Constitution.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.